



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: MESSERLI *et al.*

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For: END MEMBER FOR A BONE
FUSION IMPLANT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2000, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 19 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An end member for use with an implant for fusing bone comprising:
- a first portion with a top surface adopted and configured to engage the bone and having an edge and a first channel extending from the edge for receiving a surgical instrument;
 - a second portion configured and dimensioned to be inserted into a bore of the implant;
 - and
 - a shoulder joining the first and second portions and sized to rest on an edge of the implant when the second portion is inserted in the bore of the implant.